# THE LAST ACTING

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Note Two characters from Osamu Tezuka's *Black Jack* universe make an appearance
1 Pinoko - a young girl who serves as loyal sidekick
2 Dr Kiriko - Black Jack's nemesis who uses his medical skills to provide euthanasia instead of healing

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# The last acting

高口里純

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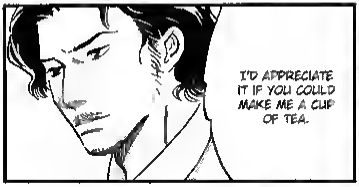
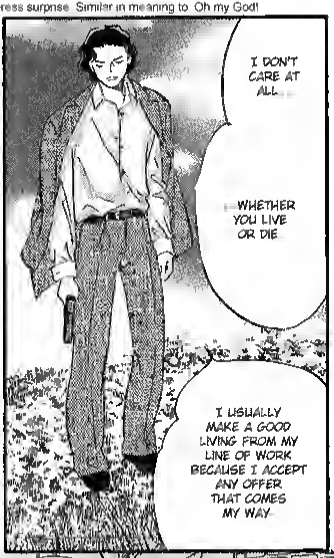
DOCTOR!
WHAT'S WRONG, PINOKO?

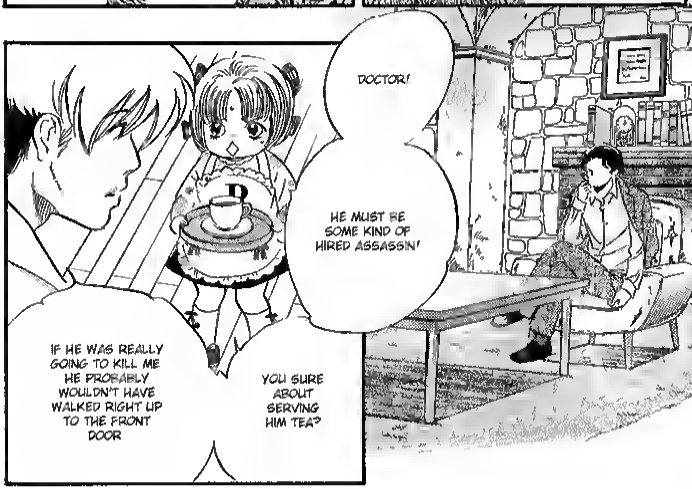
DOCTOR BLACK JACK.
PREPARE TO DIE.
DON'T SHOOT HIM!
P

I'D DO IT IF THAT'S WHAT IT WOULD TAKE FOR YOU TO SPARE ME
AREN'T YOU GOING TO BEG FOR YOUR LIFE?
THEN... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS SCENARIO BEFORE, HUH?
KILL?!
HOWEVER, THIS CHILD HAS DONE NOTHING TO DESERVE THIS DON'T KILL HER
SLUMP

**ACCHON BURIKE**: Pinoko's nonsensical catchphrase used to express surprise. Similar in meaning to "Oh my God!"





I DON'T CARE AT ALL.
WHETHER YOU LIVE OR DIE
I USUALLY MAKE A GOOD LIVING FROM MY LINE OF WORK BECAUSE I ACCEPT ANY OFFER THAT COMES MY WAY.


DOCTOR!
HE MUST BE SOME KIND OF HIRED ASSASSIN!
IF HE WAS REALLY GOING TO KILL ME HE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE WALKED RIGHT UP TO THE FRONT DOOR
YOU SURE ABOUT SERVING HIM TEA?

YOU'VE GOT NO WAY OF TELLING WHETHER I SPIKED IT WITH POISON!
click
カチャ
HERE YOU ARE
THEN I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE AFTER-EFFECTS
YOU DON'T MIND DO YOU?
WHY, DOCTOR, TAKE A SEAT
YOUR LITTLE COMPANION IS TAKING GOOD CARE OF ME

MORE TEA, PINOKO.
I'M SPIKING HIS TEA WITH POISON!
THE DOCTOR'S TOO NICE!
Stirrrrble Stirrrrble
clack
CRASH
HEY!
huff huff
DON'T TOUCH ME!
LEAVE ME ALONE!

WHILE YOU
ARE THE INFAMOUS SURGEON WHO SAVES LIVES AS LONG AS YOUR PATIENTS HAVE THE MEANS TO PAY
I'LL KILL ANYONE AS PART OF MY JOB,
BUT I'M SCARED OF DYING.
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
I didn't poison him I swear
BUT ONCE YOU'RE DEAD
IF YOU COULD SEE THE THINGS I'VE SEEN IN MY LIFE
I GUESS EVEN YOU'D BE SCARED OF DEATH
SO WHY ARE YOU AFRAID TO BE REMINDED OF YOUR OWN MORTALITY? IT MAKES NO SENSE
YOU WON'T EVEN BE AWARE OF THE LIFE YOU ONCE LED.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO...
...IF I AIMED AT YOU NOW AND PULLED THE TRIGGER?
OH NO! HE'S GETTING UP!
DOOMED, HUH?
I GUESS YOU'RE THE GUY WHO'S DOOMED TO DO SOMEONE ELSE'S DIRTY WORK, HUH?
IF YOU'RE TELLING ME IN ADVANCE, THEN YOU MUST BE BLUFFING
IF YOU HAD FIRED FIRST WITHOUT WARNING ME I WOULDN'T HAVE STOOD A CHANCE.

BUT...
YOU KNOW WHAT, DOCTOR?
EVEN WHEN YOU THINK YOU'RE READY FOR THE END...
YOU FIND NOTHING CAN PREPARE YOU, AFTER ALL.
POW

I'VE GOT TERMINAL CANCER.
DOCTOR!
P
THE PAIN...
—STARTED HERE IN MY SIDE.
IT SPREAD BEFORE I KNEW IT.
PINOKO!
GET OUT WHILE YOU CAN!
flail
flail
flail
P

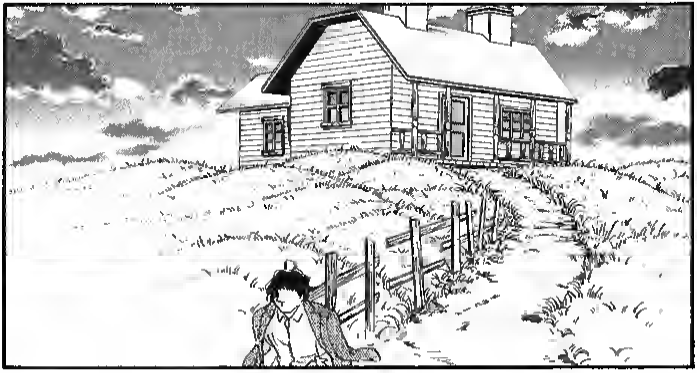
WHEW
THUD
dizzy
YOU CAN'T EVEN AIM STRAIGHT!
LUCKY FOR ME I'M A DOCTOR!
I'LL GET LOST SOON.
I'M FINE, PINOKO, REALLY
BUT YOU'RE NOT!
COULD YOU GET ME SOME WATER, MISS?
DRINK IT THEN GET LOST!

PUT FIRM PRESSURE ON THIS FOR ME.
WHO SENT YOU?
I'M GUESSING IT'S SOMEONE I WASN'T ABLE TO CURE
WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?

YOU MUST REALIZE THAT THERE'S NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY KILLING ME! IT'S NOT WORTH THE RISK!
THOSE WITH POWER AND STATUS ARE THE ONES WHO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION AND ENVY OF OTHERS.
IN CONTRAST, AN OUTCAST LIKE ME IS TREATED LIKE A WORM.
DO YOU REMEMBER THIS WOMAN?

I BELIEVE THIS WOMAN CAME HERE A YEAR AGO TO ASK YOU TO OPERATE ON HER SICK HUSBAND.
NO
ON HER WAY BACK, SHE DIED IN AN ACCIDENT.
SO... I SUPPOSE THE GRUDGE AGAINST YOU IS UNWARRANTED...
BUT TO HER HUSBAND...
ANYWAY ...
I FAILED TO KILL YOU, BUT WOUNDING YOU IS ENOUGH TO SETTLE THE SCORE.
THE REAL QUESTION IS WHETHER TO HOLD YOU, BLACK JACK, RESPONSIBLE FOR HER ACCIDENT

GOODBYE, DOCTOR.
AFTER ALL...
...EVEN PAIN CAN BE GOOD FOR YOU.
IT'S LIKE A WELCOME JOLT TO TO THE SYSTEM
MULL OVER THOSE TRAGIC EVENTS...
...AND THE ROLE YOU PLAYED IN THEM



BLACK JACK!
WHAT A SURPRISE TO SEE YOU HERE

I DO BELIEVE
IS THIS HOW YOU NORMALLY GREET PEOPLE?
YOU'RE ALIVE AND WELL, I SEE
MIND YOU, I NEVER HEARD ANY RUMORS THAT YOU WERE DEAD.
Coming right up, sir!
Coffee, please
...THAT A STRANGE MAN CAME TO SEE YOU...
...SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.
YOU MEAN THAT HITMAN?
THAT MAN NEARLY KILLED ME!
DO YOU KNOW THE REASON WHY, DR. KIRIKO?
!

HE WAS NO HITMAN.
HE WAS AN ACTOR
AN ACTOR?!
.....
I CERTAINLY FELT HE HAD A MENACING AURA ABOUT HIM.
WAS HE?
I MEAN
HE COMPLETELY FOOLED BOTH ME AND PINOKO.

HIS ILLNESS WASN'T AN ACT
EVEN HIS ILLNESS...
SO IT WAS ALL AN ACT...
!
THE LAST FILM HE MADE BEFORE HE DIED HAS JUST OPENED IN THE CINEMAS.
IN IT HE PLAYS THE ROLE OF A HITMAN WHO'S OUT TO KILL A DOCTOR.
ADD TO THAT HIS UNTIMELY DEATH, AND NOW EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT HIM

HE SOUGHT MY SERVICES AND SIGNED A CONTRACT
HE WANTED ME TO HELP HIM END HIS LIFE
I HAD NO IDEA
.....
ON THE DAY HIS WIFE PASSED AWAY...
...HE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS OWN DEATH.
AND HE WANTED TO END OUR CONTRACT.
HE TOLD ME HE WAS DETERMINED TO GO TO YOUR HOUSE TO SEE YOU.
WHEN HE CAME TO ME LATER

"I WISH TO TERMINATE OUR CONTRACT."
THE BASTARD TOLD ME..
"I'LL SEE THIS ROLE THROUGH TO THE END. I'M GOING TO BATTLE MY PAIN AND GO DOWN FIGHTING."
I HEARD HE BECAME SO THIN AND FRAIL THAT HE WAS ONLY A SHADOW OF HIMSELF AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH.
IT ALL HAPPENED SOON AFTER.
HE WAS THE STRANGE MAN YOU MET.
IT WAS HE WHO POINTED A GUN AT YOU.

Hey, I know him!
He's the hired assassin!
I CAN'T FIGURE OUT
WHAT MADE HIM EXTRICATE HIMSELF FROM OUR CONTRACT
HE HELD A GRUDGE AGAINST YOU THE WHOLE TIME, YOU KNOW
WHAT'S MORE, HE EVEN REALIZED HIS HATRED WAS UNJUSTIFIED
"DO YOU REMEMBER THIS WOMAN?

GIVE IT UP.
THE MAN HIMSELF KNEW HIS TIME WAS UP.
IF HE MANAGED TO LIVE FOR A YEAR AFTER HIS DIAGNOSIS...
WAS HIS PROGNOSIS THAT POOR?
DID HE REALLY HAVE TERMINAL CANCER?
DON'T YELL AT ME.
I DON'T YELL AT ANYONE ELSE BUT YOU!
BUT WITHOUT A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, HOW WOULD YOU KNOW WHETHER HIS CONDITION WAS CURABLE OR NOT?!
HE'S THE ONE WHO SHOT ME!
HE CAN ROT IN HELL FOR ALL I CARE!
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